

COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC Military Information from Strausberg

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 25 June 1953

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED] 25X1A

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. On 28 and 29 May 1953, source determined that courses for artillery officers were conducted in the Landesjugendheim on Wriezener Strasse, Strausberg. At least 50 and not more than 100 officers, including about 20 captains and several majors wearing red-bordered silver epaulets with artillery insignia, and 20 senior lieutenants and lieutenants wearing red-bordered silver epaulets with artillery insignia were attending the courses. Several fieldgrade officers wearing red-bordered golden epaulets with artillery insignia and a colonel wearing red-bordered golden epaulets with tank insignia, were also observed. Source had the impression that two courses were held, with the students wearing red-bordered silver epaulets and the instructors red-bordered golden epaulets. An 85-mm AA gun was in the north section of the gymnasium and two block and tackle sets were in the south section. A medium tank and another armored vehicle, details of which could not be observed, were east of the gymnasium. Between noon and 2 p.m. on 29 May, about 15 officers received instruction on tanks. At about 1 p.m., a lieutenant wearing red-bordered golden epaulets and 10 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation on a pneumatic raft toward Straussee (lake). [REDACTED] carrying ration supplies entered the installation. The building opposite the entrance of the Landesjugendheim was occupied as previously by about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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2. Source was not able to determine the occupation strength of the barracks installation on Straussee. Source did not observe any training activity or vehicular traffic. Gate guards observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Two majors wearing crimson-bordered silver epaulets with administrative service insignia, a senior lieutenant wearing red-bordered golden epaulets without branch of service insignia, and a horse-drawn vehicle occupied by two soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen en route to the installation. [REDACTED] were near the officers' billets, about 150 meters northeast of the former FDJ girls' home. The former Burschenfuersorgeheim about 600 meters east of the Landesjugendheim was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 1

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1. Comment. The artillery officer school in the Landesjugendheim was occupied as previously by an instruction course, whereas the course conducted at the NCO school in the barracks installation on Straussee probably ended in late May. The ~~seen near the officers' billets belongs to the 6th Gds Mecz Div.~~

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2. Comment. ~~in World War II, belonged to the 152d Gds Rifle Regt of the 50th Gds Rifle Div. In July 1948, elements of the division, which were subordinate to the Twenty-Eighth Army, were in the Baranovichi area, Byelorussian MD. It is, therefore, possible that the abovementioned division at present, is stationed in Erest. possibly belongs to the NCO school of the GOFG in the barracks installation on Straussee in Strausberg.~~
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